

# Plans for releasing Swartz evidence

MIT plans to make documents public, but with names redacted

By Joanna Kao  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Aaron Swartz's lawyers filed a motion on Friday requesting that evidence used in Swartz's trial be made publicly accessible, including many MIT documents. The motion requested in particular that the court not redact the names and official titles of all law enforcement personnel and employees of MIT and JSTOR who appear in the evidence.

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In a letter to the community this morning (<http://tech.mit.edu/V133/N13/reifletter.html>, see page 9), President L. Rafael Reif said

that MIT will release requested documents to the public, but with some redactions. It's not clear that MIT's opinion will be final — the decision still rests with Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton of the Massachusetts District Court, who was assigned to Swartz's case.

Reif said that some of the documents contain information about vulnerabilities in MIT's network and that he has the responsibility to "protect the privacy and safety of those members of our community who have become involved in this matter in the course of doing their jobs for MIT, and to ensure a safe environment for all of us who call MIT home."

"Therefore — in the spirit of openness, balanced with responsibility — we will release the requested MIT documents, re-

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Mark Antony (Zachary D. Tribbett '13, left) leads a Roman citizen (Salvador Esparza '14, right) out of a crowd to see Julius Caesar's (Christopher D. Smith '13) body up close in the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble's performance of "Julius Caesar." The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble, composed of MIT students and community members who work together long-term to produce Shakespeare shows, are performing the play until March 23.

# UA VP candidate withdraws

Ticket removed & voting reset; other races unaffected

By Anne Cai  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This year's Undergraduate Association Presidential/Vice Presidential election took a surprise turn late Sunday night, when UA VP candidate Johnathan Kongoletos '14 emailed out to several dorm lists announcing his withdrawal from the UA VP candidacy at 11:21 p.m., under 10 hours before online voting opened at 9 a.m. yesterday morning. At that time and throughout the day, both of the tickets — Sidhanth P. Rao '14/Devin T. Cornish '14 and Cory D. Hernandez '14/Johnathan Kongoletos '14, for UA P/VP — still appeared on the ballot at [vote.mit.edu](http://vote.mit.edu).

"For those who know me well, they know that I am a person who always puts his best foot for-

ward," wrote Kongoletos. "The undergraduate population deserves the best effort from all elected officials. I believe that I will be unable to devote the time that the MIT community deserves of the UA VP." He continued to assure voters that Hernandez was still running for UA president, and if he were to be elected, Kongoletos would "aid in the search" for a suitable vice president.

However, as of 9:30 p.m. last night, the Hernandez/Kongoletos ticket was removed from the ballot. The elections were reset for the UA P/VP race, and "no votes from the first P/VP race will be counted, so everyone must vote in this new race, regardless of previous voting," according to an email sent to all undergraduates by UA Election Commission Chair Laura D. Royden '13.

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The MIT Symphony Orchestra performed and recorded Igor Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" on Friday night, March 15, in Kresge auditorium.

## Body in Charles identified as Joe Gage

A body found in the Charles River last Thursday was identified Friday as that of a 32-year-old South End man who went over the rail of the bridge on Jan. 1. Although investigators did not officially release the name, the man had been previously identified as Joe Gage by a memorial on the bridge.

Last Thursday morning, March 14, state police officers and the state police marine unit responded to the report of a dead body under the Harvard Bridge near Memorial Drive. According to

the Massachusetts State Police Twitter feed, a body was recovered around noon.

According to Suffolk County Press Secretary Jake Wark, there is an ongoing joint investigation by Suffolk and Middlesex counties into the cause and manner of death, and there has thus far been no indication of foul play.

Previous reporting on Gage can be found at <http://tech.mit.edu/V132/N61/gage.html>.

—Bruno B. F. Faviero

# IAP Subcommittee report proposes minor changes

Recommends leaving IAP mostly unchanged

By Stan Gill  
NEWS EDITOR

"One overarching message emerged from student and faculty feedback: 'If it's not broken, don't fix it,'" the report reads. The IAP Subcommittee of the Faculty Policy Committee has released its final report following a "thorough review of IAP and its evolution in the last 40 years," as stated in its charge. The report contains 10 recommendations in response to seven questions the committee was asked to consider, as well as

an additional recommendation regarding campus community during IAP.

The committee does not recommend that the length of IAP be changed in any way, citing that 91 percent of undergraduates reported being satisfied with IAP according in a survey conducted by the subcommittee at the start of this academic year. Aaron R. Weinberger, special assistant to the chancellor and member of the committee, also noted that the survey revealed that 85 percent

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## IN SHORT

The deadline for PSC-funded summer fellowship and internship applications is March 21 at noon. For more information, visit <http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/whatwedo/internshipsandfellowships/>.

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# Republicans reflect on 2012 performance in blunt report

By Sarah Wheaton  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — In a sweeping self-critique of the party’s 2012 election efforts, Republican leaders on Monday unveiled a set of proposals aimed at convincing younger voters, ethnic minorities and women that they have a home in the party, even if they do not agree with all of its positions.

“The report minces no words in telling us that we have to be more inclusive,” Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said Monday. “I agree. And as President Reagan said, our 80 percent friend is not our 20 percent enemy.”

The national party’s report, called the Growth and Opportunity Proj-

ect, is the latest contribution to a conversation among conservatives after disappointing losses in the 2012 presidential and Senate elections. Just days earlier, at the Conservative Political Action Conference, activists debated whether the Republican Party should moderate on issues like immigration or stand firm.

“There’s no one reason we lost” in 2012, Priebus said. “Our message was weak. Our ground game was insufficient. We weren’t inclusive. We’re — we were behind in both data and digital. And our primary and debate process needed improvement”

The prescription from the national party largely avoids policy, instead focusing on messaging.

“The way we communicate our principles isn’t resonating widely

enough,” Priebus said. “Focus groups described our party as narrow-minded, out of touch and, quote, stuffy old men.”

Priebus announced that the national committee would invest \$10 million to bring on new staff members to help appeal to young, female and minority voters. They will be charged with delivering an “aggressive marketing campaign” among those voters about “what it means to be a Republican.”

Drafted by national committee members and party strategists, including Ari Fleischer, a White House press secretary for President George W. Bush, the report incorporated feedback from focus groups, online surveys and interviews with activists and consultants.

# Use of generics produces a drop in drug spending

By Katie Thomas  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Spending on prescription drugs nationwide has been slowing for years because of the increasingly widespread use of low-cost generics. But in 2012, something unheard-of happened: Money spent on prescription drugs actually dropped.

The dip was small — 1 percent, to \$325.7 billion — but it was the first time the research firm IMS Health recorded a decrease in U.S. drug sales since the company began tracking such numbers in 1957. And

earlier this month, the pharmacy benefit manager Express Scripts reported that spending on commonly used pills — like those that treat high blood pressure and cholesterol — dropped by 1.5 percent, the first time that had happened since Express Scripts began following drug trends 20 years ago.

But even as the U.S. is in the midst of what has been called a “golden” period in spending on drugs, some are warning that the ever-expanding use of generics has masked a growing problem for the government, insurers and others who pay the bill

for prescription drugs: the rising cost of complex specialty medicines that treat cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases.

“This is a charmed era that won’t last forever,” said Paul B. Ginsburg, the president of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a nonpartisan research group that studies health care trends. “When you talk to benefits managers at large employers or insurers, the trend of specialty pharma is very, very prominent. You might even say they regard it as their biggest problem.”

## Former Romanian leader to be released from prison

Adrian Nastase, the former Romanian prime minister, will be released early from prison after serving nine months of a two-year term for corruption, a Bucharest court ruled Monday.

The decision to release him appeared to mark the end of an extraordinary episode that riveted Nastase’s compatriots. In June, when police arrived at Nastase’s villa to arrest him, the former prime minister apparently pulled out a revolver and tried to kill himself. Millions of Romanians watched on television in shock as he was carried off on a stretcher, a Burberry scarf wrapped around his neck. He survived and was soon behind bars.

Nastase, 62, the most senior Romanian politician to be jailed since the end of communism in 1989, was convicted of siphoning \$2 million in state funds for his presidential campaign. His arrest was lauded by anti-corruption advocates as a seminal moment in Romania’s law enforcement history. But Nastase called the charges against him a preposterous “political game.”

On Monday, even Nastase’s critics said his release was understandable given his age and exemplary behavior, including writing three books while in prison.

“The fact that such a high-level politician served jail time for illegal financing is a lesson that no one in this country is above the law,” said Laura Stefan, an anti-corruption expert at Expert Forum, a research group. “The point has been made.”

Nastase, who was prime minister from 2000 to 2004, was expected to be released late Monday.

Romania, among the poorest countries in the European Union, has struggled to shed a culture of lawlessness and corruption, one legacy of decades of communism under the brutal dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu.

—Dan Bilefsky, *The New York Times*

## Hurdles before Dell buys Dell

More than a month has passed since Dell announced its planned \$24.4 billion sale to its founder, Michael S. Dell. Since then, a number of shareholders have loudly complained that the price Michael Dell has offered for the computer company is far too low.

With the stock trading well above the \$13.65 a share that Michael Dell has offered — \$14.31 at Friday’s close — the billionaire may very well have to raise his offer.

But that’s going to cost real money.

Here’s one way of looking at it: Raising the bid by a dollar a share would cost about \$1.8 billion, so getting to the \$15-a-share bid that some analysts see as necessary would add about \$2.3 billion to the deal’s price.

It’s unclear who might bear the cost of providing the additional capital. Michael Dell is rolling over the roughly 16 percent of shares that he controls, as well as providing around \$750 million. His partner, Silver Lake, is paying about \$1.4 billion.

—Michael J. De La Merced, *The New York Times*

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# Learning from Apartheid

In a column published in *The Tech* last Friday, Rachel Bandler suggests that calls for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) of Israel are tantamount to a Nazi boycott of Jewish businesses in 1933. I respond by drawing on my personal history as a child of two white South Africans, a graduate of an American Jewish Day School, and as a Master's in City Planning student here at MIT.

As a South African, I was raised to learn of the history of Apartheid. The premise of this method of state organization was simple, yet effective. A minority white government forcibly dispossessed majority black populations of land, and put them in small, underdeveloped homeland states or “bantustans.” These homelands retained a nominal level of independence, but, in reality, were dependent on the white-ruled South African state for basic administrative competencies, such as tax collection. Similarly, the land controlled by the State of Israel includes a majority population of Palestinians who are forced to live in nominal territorial “administrations” ruled by Fatah and Hamas. Who decides to segregate public transport and basic services, collects taxes, and retains military control? Israel.

There were many aspects of struggle against the unjust system of Apartheid, both within South Africa and around the world. By explicit association, the current BDS movement concerning Israel is inspired by the BDS movement against

South Africa. When people around the world saw the violence and racism that underpinned this system of minority-ruled "separate development," they recognized the moral imperative to advocate for a boycott of all South African economic and cultural institutions, which upheld the administration of Apartheid. There are many states around the world that commit heinous crimes. A BDS campaign against Israel, of course, does not exempt these other countries. But it does recognize the distinct nature of minority-rule ethno-nationalism that characterizes the Apartheid state of Israel.

As a graduate of a Jewish day school in the United States, I am familiar with the knee-jerk accusations of anti-semitism and total disregard for the existence of a non-Jewish majority population in the territory under Israeli administration, which pervades many American Jewish institutions. Bandler conflates an anti-Israel position with anti-Semitism. Her invocation of the Holocaust seems pitched primarily at silencing dissent. This is particularly chilling given that many Holocaust survivors and their descendants have actually denounced association with Israel for precisely the reasons that I enumerate here.

During my education in Jewish institutions, I have studied the Bible, Talmud, and other texts of Jewish law and philosophy for many years. Self-evidently, the modern state of Israel, which does not even provide the electoral franchise irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion or gender, to all who live within its administrative boundaries, violates the funda-

mental Jewish ethics of social justice and tikkun olam (repairing the world). On this point, I am unequivocal. This undemocratic state does not represent me as a Jew. I join with many other Jews around the world who have chosen to say to those who would conflate the state of Israel and Judaism, "not in our name."

As a Master's in City Planning student in MIT's Department of Urban Studies & Planning, I have learned of the ways in which spatial distribution of land, shelter, and public services is a basic means of wielding power. The persistence of the state of Israel in consolidating its occupation of the West Bank through construction of new settlements underlines the extent to which Israel is a perpetrator of a planning-related injustice. Any planner who has a basic understanding of the history of the profession appreciates that Israel is an example of the worst excesses of planning. Similarly, any planner with a basic understanding of the ethical imperatives of the profession would only involve themselves in such a state in order to end the administration of Apartheid in Israel and work towards emancipation of the Palestinian people.

There are many organizations that have a long history of working to end Israeli Apartheid and advance the cause of Palestinian emancipation. I do not aim to speak for them, though my sympathies and solidarity are with them. Count mine amongst the Jewish voices, the South African voices, and the planning voices, that say to tribalists like Bandler that they stand firmly on the wrong side of history.

Benjamin H. Bradlow



A café review in Friday's issue listed the incorrect hours for Tatte Cambridge. It is open Monday–Friday 7 a.m.–8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

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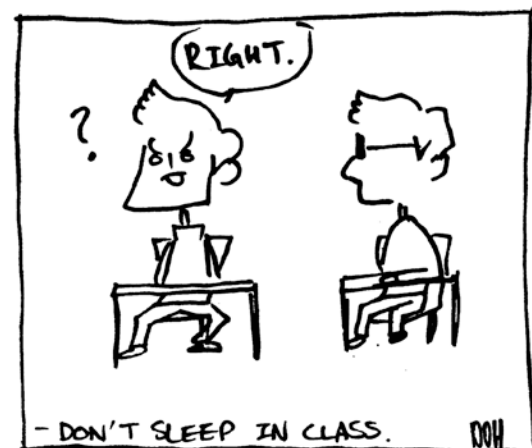
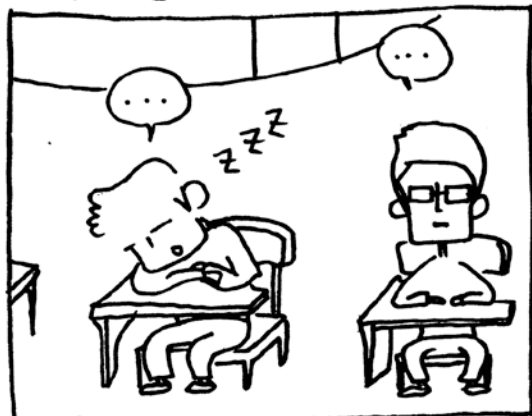
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SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CEREAL

BY ZACH WEINER

**[2312]**

## MY FANTASIES BEFORE STUDYING PHYSICS

CAPTAIN! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

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IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

# Counting my blessings

Considering the successes of the MIT Greek community

By Stephanie Holden

Did you know that faculty at some schools believe Greek life can be life-threatening? At the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) conference in Hartford, Connecticut, which I attended a few weeks ago, I heard a fellow Greek from another university talk about meeting with a student life administrator at his school. This administrator opened their conversations by citing stories about men and women on other campuses who were injured or died at fraternity events, and made very clear her mindset that Greek life was dangerous to students with her introductory anecdotes.

After hearing stories like this, I felt fortunate that the MIT Greek community has a fantastic Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group (FSILG) staff and a respectful and friendly relationship with the administration.

At the NGLA conference, I met Greek students from all over the Northeast and attended educational sessions where speakers shared their insights on being good leaders, presenters, and motivators for their Greek communities. There were also small group sessions where students shared the successes and challenges of being Greek leaders on our respective campuses, and I heard some very interesting perspectives on Greek life at other universities. There were students who cited issues with membership and retention rates in their organizations, housing disputes, and closure of fraternities and sororities. I realized that at MIT we are pretty well-off, since we don't encounter many of these problems, at least not on as large a scale.

Despite learning about chal-

lenges that many Greek leaders face, I had some very enjoyable moments as well. My favorite experience of the entire weekend was the affiliation luncheon, where each affiliation sat and ate together. I met some lovely Pi Beta Phi's and we were soon talking as if we had known each other for ages. We were one of the last groups to leave the banquet room, and we even attended a few seminars together!

The NGLA Conference taught me valuable lessons that I have been able to bring back to my chapter and my position in Panhel. One of the greatest lessons I learned was that the MIT Greek community is extremely fortunate in its successes, because we have the support of our administration, an astounding campus presence, and relatively high membership rates. Another discussion topic that struck me was that to unaffiliated people, Greek life can seem incredibly strange and confusing. As members of the Greek community, we have the responsibility to share not just who we are, but what we are about. We can prove negative stereotypes wrong by promoting our philanthropies, our values, and the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood that we share.

For the Greek community, I would recommend going to a Greek conference if you have the chance. Meeting new people and gaining new perspectives is incredibly rewarding. For non-Greeks, I suggest that you talk to a Greek person at MIT and ask them this thought-provoking question: What is the purpose of your organization, and why are you a part of it?

Tech associate news editor Stephanie Holden '14 is the Panhel Vice President of Recruitment.

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(5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) Staging Shakespeare from Kabul to the Globe, Corinne Jabert Lecture — 14E-304

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# Without a “higher power,” how did life start?

By Aaron Scheinberg and Stephanie Lam

*Ask A-theist is a new column by Aaron Scheinberg, an atheist, and Stephanie Lam, a Christian, which uses contrasting worldviews to explore questions and misconceptions about philosophy and religion. This week, Aaron chose a question from your submissions. Send us the burning questions you have always wanted answered by an atheist or Christian (or both), and we'll tackle them!*

## Q: How do matter, light, energy, etc. come out of nothing?

### Aaron's answer:

Scientists have made progress on both topics, but let's assume we didn't have a clue about either one. Does a worldview have to assert an answer to everything to be coherent?

We are all in the position of knowing very little about our universe. The best we can do is differentiate what we know about reality from what is speculation or fiction. That requires we be honest with ourselves. To paraphrase Richard Feynman, I think it is much more interesting to live not knowing than to have answers that I have no reason to think are true.

But imagine if, rather than patiently observing, theorizing and experimenting, I rashly invent the following explanation of life's origins. I decide life began when a chunk of granite turned into a bacterium through a natural chemical process never observed before or since. We'd call that ridiculous, but can we articulate why? Is it because it's unverifiable? Inherently divorced from what we know about physical laws? Unexplanatory, with no predictive power?

Yet the same points apply when introducing a higher power. Even the original question remains mostly unanswered: by what mechanism did it create life? The same transubstantiation I described, but more believable because a sentient being did it? Wait, isn't a sentient being life already? How did that life arise?

We've only seen consciousness occur in a brain. If we're already introducing new phenomena like minds without matter, why not simply believe my relatively self-contained magic rock hypothesis?

There are many questions we can't answer — that's why scientists still have jobs. A century ago, we had no viable hypothesis for how the sun shone. No one knew elements could become other elements. It was as inconceivable as non-life becoming life. Back then, one might have asked, “Without a higher power, how could the sun shine?” I'd reply, “I don't know — maybe someday we will.” Today, we can answer “fusion.” To paint over unanswered questions with divine intervention does a disservice not only to our hunt for truth, but also to any religions that offer supernatural explanations for natural phenomena and thus lose credibility upon each exciting new discovery.

### Stephanie's response:

Is divine intervention “unexplanatory, with no predictive power”? God is not a mechanism, but a person. Mathematical physicist and theologian John Polkinghorne offered two explanations as to why a tea kettle boils: first, because burning gas heats the water, and second, because someone wanted to make a cup of tea. So which answer is right? Do they not complement each other?

To say that faith hinders the search for truth is to mistake the latter for the former type of explanation. This is what I mean when I say that science and faith are complements in the search for truth. One gives mechanism, the other, purpose. There is a reason Genesis did not begin with Maxwell's equations. The Bible was never meant to be a textbook for modern physics — probably something everyone (religious and non-religious alike) should keep in mind. But Christian faith asserts that there was a definite beginning to the universe, and a design and purpose to creation which I argue has great explanatory and predictive power for our lives. Nothing in modern science contradicts that.

My faith does not hinge on the lack (or presence) of a mechanistic explanation for the origin of life. Neither, it seems, does Aaron's. It's refreshing to see enough humility on both sides to admit that there is a lot we do not know. A Christian believes that, though the details are unclear, somehow God was behind creation. Similarly, an atheist believes that, though the details are unclear, God cannot be behind creation. Neither belief can be experimentally validated, only inferred based upon other evidence. Even if science were to fill in some gaps in details, it would not change either side's underlying assumptions. Either nature alone or God is responsible. Science only helps to elucidate how. The causal question is not one of science, but one of reasoned belief. In other words, faith.

There are indeed many questions we cannot answer. Science will not and cannot answer them all. And this should not be inherently surprising. After all, the claim that all knowledge must be scientifically proven is not, itself, a scientifically provable statement.

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# Government, MIT consider publicizing documents

## MIT to release Swartz documents, with names redacted; on transparency & privacy

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dacting employee names and identifying information as appropriate to protect their privacy, as well as information about network vulnerabilities,” Reif’s letter said.

**It is possible that the court will change the terms of the protective order for the documents.**

Reif also said that the requested MIT documents will be released at the same time as Hal Abelson’s report. After Swartz’s death, Abelson was tasked to analyze MIT’s involvement in the case. No time-line has been given for the report, and it is possible that the court will change the terms of the protective order to make documents public before the Abelson report is ready.

During the memorial service for Swartz at the MIT Media Lab last Tuesday, Swartz’s partner, Taren

Stinebrickner-Kauffman, said that MIT’s investigation would not be in “good faith” if it opposed the lifting of the order.

JSTOR’s response was similar to MIT’s. “We believe the information we provided to the United States Attorney’s Office in this case should be made open and available to the public. In a letter dated Feb. 25, we agreed to the lifting of the protective order so long as the articles downloaded from JSTOR were not released and the identities of our staff are protected,” said Heidi McGregor, a JSTOR spokeswoman, in an email to *The Tech*. “We do not agree that individuals’ names need to be included with these materials to serve the public interest.”

The court placed a blanket protective order over the evidence in November 2011, preventing the evidence from becoming public.

Various media outlets and Congress have requested these materials for their own investigations into Swartz’s prosecution. The U.S. House of Representatives Commit-

tee on Oversight and Government Reform began an investigation in January after Swartz’s death and requested access to these documents on Feb. 4.

**In talks before the motion, both sides agreed on some terms of lifting the protective order.**

In discussions prior to the motion, the government and Swartz’s lawyers reached agreement on some terms of lifting the protective order, such as redacting social security numbers and birthdates, but not on the extent of redactions. The government sought to redact all names and identifying information of law enforcement, MIT and JSTOR personnel since “revealing the names of any of these individuals, even to Congress, might lead to some form of retaliation.” Swartz’s lawyers said that “the public interest in access to these materials

in an intelligible form outweighs the limited privacy interest in the names and official titles of the individuals named therein.”

Swartz’s lawyers also point out that “most of the titles that the Government seeks to redact are already publicly known” and that both MIT and JSTOR produced documents for the case when there was no protective order, meaning that they could have been publicized before the protective order was placed on November 2011.

Also on Friday, Jack W. Pirozzolo, First Assistant U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, became involved in the Swartz case. According to an article in the *Boston Globe*, Pirozzolo took a role because he has been involved in the discussions on the modifications of the protective order.

“As you can see from the motion itself, the United States and Mr. Swartz’s attorneys have been discussing over the past few weeks a way to ensure that Congress and the public receive access to appropriate information subject to

the protective order, while at the same time taking into account the interests of individuals who may be affected by modification of the order,” he said to the *Globe*.

**Congress has requested the documents for its own investigation.**

“Although the United States and representatives of Mr. Swartz agreed on many proposed modifications to the order, the United States and Mr. Swartz’s representatives did not reach agreement on the scope of the redactions,” Pirozzolo said.

“The United States expects to respond to the motion within the time provided by the district court rules,” he said. “It will also request that individuals potentially affected by the modification of the order be given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed modifications.”

### Reif’s letter to the MIT community

March 19, 2013

To the members of the MIT Community:

I am writing to explain an important step that MIT has decided to take relating to the Aaron Swartz situation. Since this action affects members of our community, directly or indirectly, I want you to hear about it from me.

On Friday, the lawyers for Aaron Swartz’s estate filed a legal request with the Boston federal court where the Swartz case would have gone to trial. They demanded that the court release

to the public information related to the case, including many MIT documents. Some of these documents contain information about vulnerabilities in MIT’s network. Some contain the names of individual MIT employees involved. In fact, the lawyers’ request argues that those names cannot be excluded (“redacted”) from the documents and urges that they be released in the public domain and delivered to Congress.

At MIT, we believe in openness, and we are not afraid to reexamine our own actions; indeed, it was with those values in

mind that I asked Professor Hal Abelson to undertake his analysis following Aaron Swartz’s tragic suicide. But I believe that openness must be balanced with reasonable concern for privacy and safety. That is especially true in this situation. In the time since Aaron Swartz’s suicide, we have seen a pattern of harassment and personal threats. In this volatile atmosphere, I have the responsibility to protect the privacy and safety of those members of our community who have become involved in this matter in the course of doing their jobs for MIT, and to

ensure a safe environment for all of us who call MIT home.

Therefore — in the spirit of openness, balanced with responsibility — we will release the requested MIT documents, redacting employee names and identifying information as appropriate to protect their privacy, as well as redacting information about network vulnerabilities. We will release these documents at the same time that we release Professor Abelson’s report. In this way, our own community and those outside can examine both these primary documents

and Professor Abelson’s analysis, which he is now forming through a careful process that includes a review of this written material as well as extensive in-person interviews.

I am eager to receive his report; I am sure that many of you are, as well. But I trust Professor Abelson to take the time he needs to complete a thorough analysis. In the meantime — because this is being played out in public — I wanted you to know what I am thinking and doing, and why.

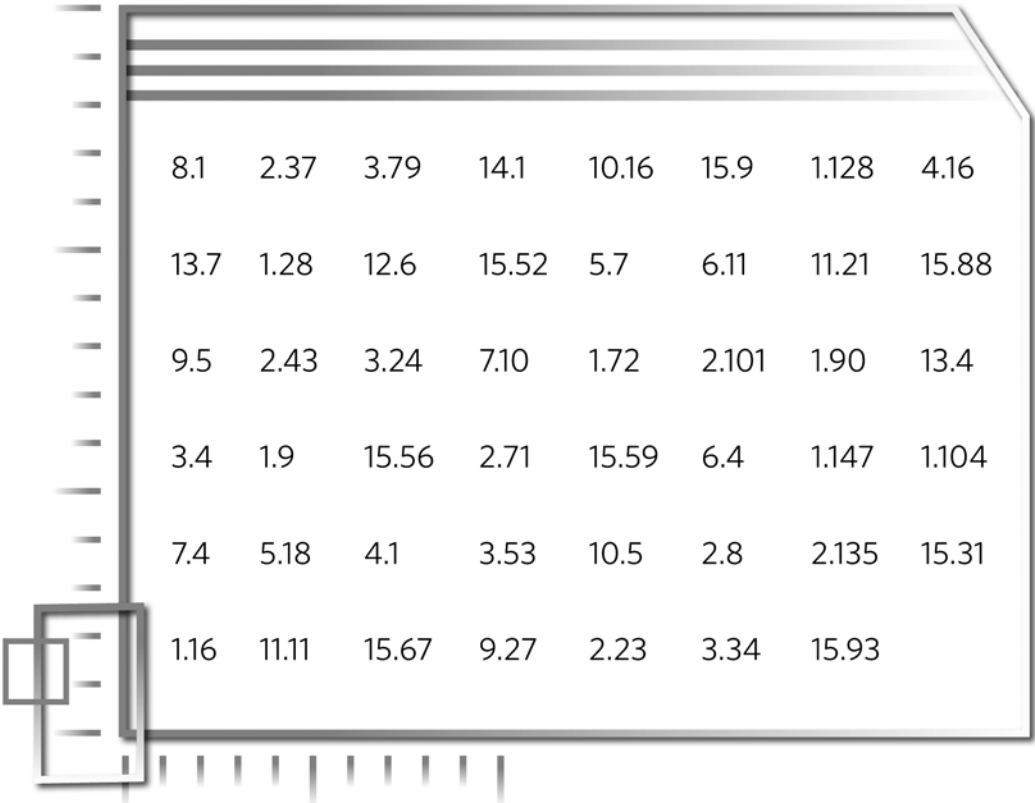
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# UA VP candidate withdraws; UA invalidates ticket

*Unprecedented occurrence; JudBoard, Election Comm. decide P/VP must run as ticket*

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As a withdrawal this close to the opening of elections is unprecedented, “the UA Judicial Review Board and the Election Commission met at length to discuss this,” said Royden. While the UA Election Code does not

explicitly state it, “JudBoard and the Election Commission decided that the Election Code clearly implies that someone cannot run for president without a vice president,” continued Royden. “The UA P/VP are only referred to as a joint ticket.” It was decided that without a vice presidential candidate, Hernandez

could not run for president on his own ticket, and in the future, election codes might include terms on withdrawals. The new UA P/VP ballot lists only the Rao/Cornish ticket and the usual write-in option. According to Royden, within an hour of resetting the UA P/VP election, over 500 under-

graduates had already cast ballots. This decision only affects the UA P/VP race — all Class Council races will proceed as normal. Elections are online at [vote.mit.edu](http://vote.mit.edu), and polls will still close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 22.

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### Solution to Sudoku

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### Solution to Crossword

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# Vast majority of undergraduates satisfied with IAP

## IAP Subcommittee recommends keeping credit limits, reducing graded subject offerings

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of surveyed students preferred having IAP as opposed to extended reading periods and longer summer vacations. Additionally, the committee does not support lifting the current 12-unit cap for IAP credits.

### The report recommended that only IAP subjects that can be used to fulfill GIRs or major requirements should be graded.

“The subcommittee rejects this notion not only because it conflicts with the original intention of IAP, but because it is counter to the balanced, healthy experience that the Institute should be encouraging,” the report reads. The report goes on to recommend that required classes (including GIRs) offered during IAP be periodically evaluated by the Committee on Curricula (CoC) every three to five years to ensure that the classes are appropriate for the “unique pedagogical opportunities offered during IAP.” Furthermore, the report suggests that only required subjects that can be

used to fulfill a GIR or some component of a major or minor program be offered for a letter grade, recommending all other elective subjects be offered P/D/F unless a compelling case can be made as to why they should be graded. “IAP has become increasingly academic, very much contrary to

its intent,” said Ravi M. Charan ’14, one of the undergraduates on the subcommittee. “The hope is that this recommendation can slow the progression of IAP towards being a third, more compressed term (for some students at least), without preventing too much of the flexibility associated with the ability to take classes during IAP.” The subcommittee does not recommend changing this policy in relation to graduate classes, however, stating that the graduate offerings are best coordinated at the local level by the Committee on Graduate Programs since departments approach graduate

subject offerings differently. The report also recommends that departments that offer for-credit subjects also offer not-for-credit activities. During their research for the report, the members of the subcommittee stumbled upon what the report describes as a “number of students who expressed feelings of emptiness and loneliness during IAP.” “New England winters are harsh, it’s dark, there are fewer people on campus, and there’s less structure to the day. These qualities can lead to a feeling of isolation,” Weinberger said. “While there’s not much we can do about the cold, our hope is that by identifying the issue, we might be able to take some steps to help build a greater sense of community during IAP.” To this end, the subcommittee additionally recommended that the dean for student life, in conjunction with the Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming (UAAP), “undertake a review of campus activities during IAP to help foster a greater sense of community.” The committee also recommended that the

UAAP survey the sponsors of non-academic activities after each IAP to gather participation data on “the very type of activities that IAP was designed to encourage.” Graduate students had, on average, mixed feelings about IAP; only 60 percent of graduate students reported being satisfied with IAP. Since only five percent of graduate students reported being dissatisfied with IAP, the subcommittee concluded that IAP is “simply not a factor for graduate students.” In the hopes of getting more graduate students involved with IAP, the report also calls for evaluating and adjusting the methods for communicating the merits of IAP to the graduate student population. Naren P. Tallapragada ’13, member of the subcommittee and chair of the Undergraduate Association’s (UA) committee on education, said that the UA has already been sponsoring several activities over IAP, such as a series of well-attended informal lectures from MIT professors that ran this past IAP and will continue for future IAPs. “We cut across different departments and different schools,” Tallapragada said. “When a room

is packed with 120 people who come from different backgrounds, majors, schools, dorms, and years, you have an opportunity for community building.” Other recommendations by the committee are administrative suggestions to bring IAP more on par with the fall and spring semesters. The subcommittee is proposing a change to the Faculty Rules and Regulations that will prevent on-campus IAP classes from being offered between 5 and 7 p.m. weekdays and between 5 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m. Mondays, a stipulation that is already in place during the regular semesters. Additional administrative recommendations include developing a complete class listing and schedule for classes that is comparable to what is available for the regular terms and creating a better system for tracking subject enrollments during IAP — including a system to notify advisors when students sign up for IAP subjects (currently, students do not need advisor approval to add or drop subjects during IAP). A full text of the report can be found here: <http://web.mit.edu/faculty/reports/pdf/iap.pdf>.

# New clues in 1990 Gardner art heist

By Katharine Q. Seelye and Tom Mashberg  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES*

The FBI said Monday that it believes it knows the identity of the thieves who stole 13 paintings 23 years ago from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, one of the most infamous art heists in history. Officials from the FBI said they believed that the paintings were moved through Connecticut and the Philadelphia area perhaps a decade ago by a criminal organization. They declined to reveal any more about the identity of the thieves, saying the investigation is continuing. The FBI is establishing a website, [www.FBI.gov/gardner](http://www.FBI.gov/gardner), as part of a publicity campaign to alert the public. That campaign includes billboards to be placed in Connecticut and Philadelphia, with reproductions of the paintings in hopes of prompting anyone with information to step forward. The museum is still offering a \$5 million reward for information that leads to the recovery of the artwork in good condition. It is valued at up to \$500 million. The bureau undertook a similar publicity effort a few years ago in seeking information about James (Whitey) Bulger, the Boston mobster who had been living on the lam for more than a decade. The campaign led to his arrest in California. The announcement on Monday was intended to alert potential informants beyond the Boston area, which has been obsessed with the crime since it occurred. “We are expanding the aperture of awareness,” Richard DesLauri-

ers, the special agent in charge of the FBI’s Boston field office, said at a news conference. He emphasized that the office does not know where the paintings are now. The theft occurred at 1:20 a.m. on March 18, 1990. A young night watchman let two men disguised as police officers into the museum after they rang the intercom at the service entrance and claimed they were responding to a disturbance. The thieves subdued the guard and his lone overnight colleague and locked them in the basement bound in handcuffs and duct tape. The two men removed a total of 13 items in 81 minutes. Included were two large Rembrandt oil paintings that were cut from their frames; single works by Vermeer, Manet and Govaert Flinck; five Degas sketches, and three other items, among them a small etching by Rembrandt. The robbery ranks as the single biggest museum theft in history in terms of the potential sales value of the missing works. The FBI puts the figure at \$300 million, though others put it at \$500 million. Over the last 23 years investigators have questioned the relatives and associates of about a dozen Boston-area criminals. Those individuals were part of a loose confederation of New England underworld figures, some with Mafia ties and a few of whom have died. According to federal court records, FBI affidavits and interviews with lawyers familiar with grand jury proceedings, a linchpin is Robert Guarente, a Mafia figure who died in 2004 at age 65. Officials have searched his former residences, looked into his past movements and studied the activities of many of his associates.

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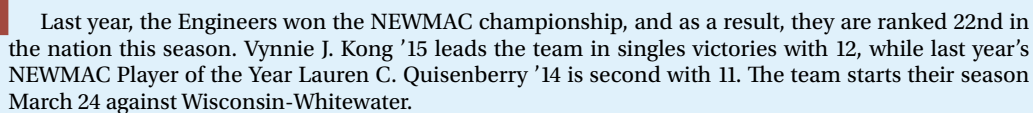
*Pitching staff dazzles as the Engineers allow just one hit to Clark University Cougars in a 4-1 victory*

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**MIT's pitching made the lead standup as Kiel L. Jindra '14, Robert J. Bertucci '14, and Henry Zhu '13 combined for the one-hitter.**

Matt Asdornvuttkirai picked up the only hit of the day for Clark, a one-out single off Bertucci in the eighth. Andrew LeBlanc started and took the loss for the Cougars, going seven innings and giving up four hits and one earned run while striking out nine.

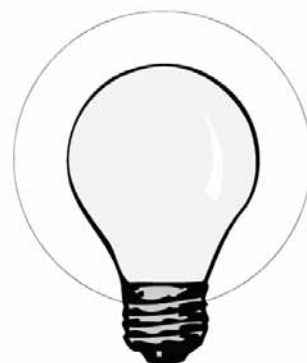
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